



# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## Glossy Black Cockatoos

*(Calyptorhynchus lathami)* Glossy Black Cockatoos have a glossy black plumage and a red tail-band on males, while females have a yellow or orange cheek patch. They are found along the eastern coast, from southern Queensland to eastern Victoria. They prefer to live in woodlands and forests and feed primarily in the seeds of casuarina trees. They have become rare and vulnerable so if you see a red tail flying overhead, it's a special sight to be enjoyed.



**You can join this year's**

**Aussie Bird Count, between 16–22 October.**

*Photo Midcoast 2 Tops*

*10 October through 10 November is FIREFLY SEASON around Wootton. Turn off your outside lights, and watch for little flashes of brightness.*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<p>Subscribe to <a href="#">Wootton Community events</a> to update your calendar automatically and read updates on the <a href="#">Wootton Community facebook group</a></p>	
Sun 1 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daylight saving starts</li> <li>• Great Lakes Food Trail with Devonshire teas in the Wootton Hall 10-3</li> </ul>
Sun 8 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am</li> </ul>
Mon 9 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School's back!</li> </ul>
Sat 14 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wootton Hall: Wootton Community Network AGM 11.30am</b></li> <li>• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday. <i>Peter D 0478 741 111</i></li> <li>• 2023 Referendum– <i>answer at Coolongolook and Bungwahl schools</i></li> </ul>
Fri 20 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday</li> </ul>
Sat 11 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday <i>Peter D 047 874 1111</i></li> </ul>
Sun 12 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am</li> </ul>
Wed 15 Nov	<p><b>**Copy deadline for Wootton Valley News**</b></p>
Fri 17 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday</li> </ul>

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[Use this link to send us a story and photos](#)

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday October 1 10am Great Lakes Food Trail – WCN Devonshire Teas**

As part of the Great Lakes Food Trail, the Wootton Community Network (WCN) will be selling **Devonshire Teas** at the Wootton Hall from **10am – 3pm**.

Available for purchase will be coffee, tea and the most **delicious local home-made scones and strawberry jam**.

So come along and have a cuppa and scones in the Wootton Hall while you check out the stunning artworks in the **'A Feast for the Eyes' art exhibition**

**All proceeds from these sales will go towards the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the WCN buildings and grounds.**

### **Saturday October 14 11.30am – Wootton Community Network AGM**

The WCN will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Wootton Community Hall.

If you would like more information about the AGM, a nomination form for a Committee Position or have an enquiry please contact the WCN Secretary at [secretary@wootton.org.au](mailto:secretary@wootton.org.au)

All these events are coordinated and run by WCN volunteers, and all funds raised contribute directly to the maintenance and upkeep of all our Wootton Community Network buildings and facilities.

### **Trivia Night – Hall Fundraiser**

The Trivia Night (Hall Fundraiser) was held on Saturday 9th Sept at the Wootton Hall.

There were 50 persons who attended & attempted to answer the wide range of questions and topics.

\$1700.00 was raised, which will be a fantastic help for the

Wootton Hall upkeep and maintenance. A huge thankyou to **Megan & Peter** for their time & efforts in organising, setting up and running the trivia. We would like to thank all persons who helped with setting up tables, foods, selling raffle tickets & cleaning up and Neal from the Hardwood Espresso Café for the delicious Lasagne supper. A very special THANKS to the following people and organisations - **Little Place to Call Home** (Stroud St Bulahdelah), **Mr Ben & the Weasel** (Stroud St Bulahdelah), **Bulahdelah Post Office** (Stroud St Bulahdelah), **Chris George** (local Wootton Artist), **Hardwood Espresso** (Local Wootton Cafe) **Wootton Guest House & Great Lakes Paddocks** for their generous prizes that were all donated and raffled on the night. A massive shout out to



**Leanne Wright** for all her organisation, preparations, chasing up prize donors and efforts on the night...great job Leanne, thank you Mostly a big thankyou to all who participated in the fun filled event.

### The Winds of Change for Wootton Café

The Brush Turkey Café lease is coming to an end for Hardwood Espresso and Neal and Jo have decided to step back, but not completely away! They have put their heart and soul into the cafe and bringing the community together over the last 2 years, but it is now time for them to move on.



They will finish trading at the end of November, however they are available for potential mentoring, coaching or support for new tenants.

***We are now seeking Expressions of Interest for the next phase of the space.***

The sky is the limit! It could remain a cafe, become a lunch venue or even a snack bar – the choice is yours!

The venue rent is generously subsidised to make it a more viable and attractive option. Contact the Secretary [secretary@wootton.org.au](mailto:secretary@wootton.org.au) to register your interest.

# 14 OCTOBER 2023

# YOUR Answer MATTERS



# REFERENDUM

### Size Matters Exhibition in the Hardwood Café

People came out on a cold July evening to attend the exhibition in the Café, titled **Size Matters**. It was a great success, with paintings sold and great community spirit and support. Instead of a subject such as birds or landscape, the theme for the exhibition was a particular size. Works were within 300mm x 300mm. Besides giving a cohesion to the exhibition, the regular format allowed more works to be hung in a small space. Well done artists of Wootton and the WCA! Special thanks to *Victoria Norman* who organized the exhibition but couldn't attend due to a family emergency.



## Thank you's!

From all the WCN and members of the Wootton community, we want to **thank Neal and Jo** for the amazing service, food and community they have provided over the last 2 years. Drop in, grab a coffee, and say thank you between now and the end of November. Keep your eye on the Wootton Community Facebook page and emails from the WCN Secretary for details on the final closing date and a celebration event to say thank you's from us to Neal and Jo.



## The Old School House

Together with Wootton Community Hall and the Brush Turkey Café, the Wootton School House is an integral part of Wootton. All these properties belong to Crown Lands, but the Wootton Community Network, in their capacity as Crown Land Managers, are responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and management of the rents. Originally, when the hall functioned as a school, the schoolhouse was the home of the head teacher. Some still in Wootton will remember this well I'm sure. For many years now it has been a permanent rental. The previous long-term tenant recently moved on and it was well past time to provide this beautiful old home with some much needed TLC. After two months and much hard work by many the Old School House is looking magnificent and ready for its new tenant.

A huge shout out to **Chris and Susanne Kennedy** who took this project on and managed it all the way through, donating time and materials, whilst also very much getting down and dirty with others that were employed. **Binnaburra Constructions** kindly lent us **Dougal Wylie** as carpenter, cleaner, painter and seriously hard worker. We were also fortunate, through the Kennedys, to be able to employ a lovely girl, **Amy Fennell**, who is travelling Australia from Ireland. She did a tireless and amazing paint job, not to mention a spotless final clean. **Chris George, Paul Smith and Victoria Norman** also helped out where they could. Thank you.



Our next maintenance project is the beautiful School Hall. Mould, termite damage from years before, painting and serious cleaning will be all on the list. As ever, if anyone has any time, skills, donations to help with this, always much appreciated.

These buildings are great assets for us a community, not just as income, but as part of the history. It is vital that they are maintained. We hope you all agree.

# A Feast for the Eyes

In conjunction with the Great Lakes Food Trail, and Wootton Community Network, the Wootton Creative Alliance presents:

A call out to all artists in the Great Lakes region to be part of

An exhibition of art, sculpture and photographs

to be held in the Wootton Community Hall on

Friday 29, Saturday 30 September,  
Sunday 1 October  
10 to 3pm each day

All enquires and submissions via email:  
[wca@wootton.org.au](mailto:wca@wootton.org.au)

All submissions by 25 September. Be part of the fun and excitement of the Great Lakes Food Trail



## [Wootton Rural Fire Brigade](#)

The shed extension has started! Big thank you's to all the volunteers, Hardwood Espresso for the coffee and pastries during the day, and Joe Dirt Earthmoving for all his efforts and support. And of course a huge thank you to all those people and groups for their funding support that have led to this all being able to happen. Stay tuned for more updates to follow. Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629

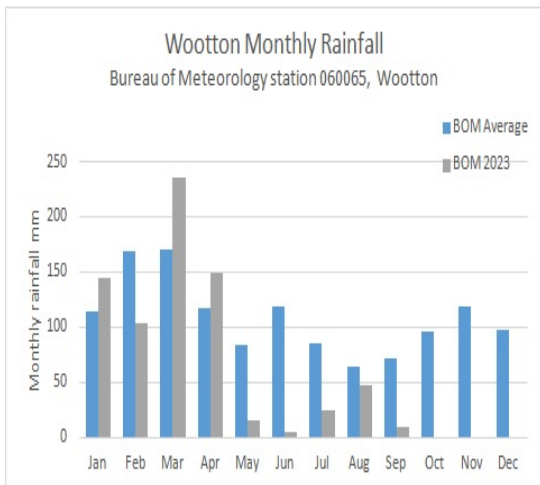
**PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL FIRES**

Permit Officers

**Mike Coventry** 0407 458 167; **Renee Spiteri** 4997 7149

**YOU MUST CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBOURS AT  
LEAST 24 hrs BEFORE LIGHTING UP**

[USE THE ONLINE NOTIFICATION FORM](#)



## How are you coping with the drought?

Someone turned the tap off at the end of April, and Wootton had a really dry winter. Now the outlook is for a very dry summer.

Get ideas and help from:-

Local Land Services

[Drought - Local Land Services](#)

[nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au)

and Landcare

[Local Networks | Mid Coast 2 Tops](#)

[Landcare](#)

### Insect pest alert—*Monolepta* beetles (*Monolepta australis*)

Adults eat leaves and flowers of many plants weakening them and stopping fruitset.

Larvae feed on roots, particularly grasses.

Host plants include legumes, avocado, corn, eucalyptus trees, grasses, cotton, citrus, macadamia, mango and strawberry.

Some years they form swarms causing serious damage within a few hours and decimating a crop virtually overnight.

**LOOK OUT FOR "SCOUTS"** in advance of the main swarm, and spray with pyrethrum or neem oil. Use yellow/white sticky traps and white containers filled with water to lure and drown them. [Monolepta beetle | Insects and Organic Gardening](#)



### GRASS IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP DUNGOG (Thurs 23 Nov) and SEAHAM (24 Nov)

Join your neighbours and community in these free workshops being led by local agronomist and grass identification expert, Harry Rose in conjunction with local Landcare networks. **Matt Kennedy, Regional Weeds Coordinator, 0428 686 178**



### Wootton Crown Land Weeding—October date TBA

Midcoast Council is supporting Woottonites weeding in the bushland on Squires Rd between Wootton Hall and the Fire Shed.

Contact Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

and watch for announcements online

<https://www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/>

[Wootton Community facebook group](#)



## Do you use water on your farm?

The NSW Government is reviewing Domestic and Stock Water Rights, you can have your say until Tuesday 21 November 2023.

[Complete the survey](#)

### Please use the Wootton Website if possible [for memberships](#) and [events payments/bookings](#).

Otherwise, direct deposit for all MEMBERSHIPS (\$20pp) and EVENTS PAYMENTS, to Wootton Community Network Inc.

- CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496
- Reference = Name and Reason eg "Joe Blow mship" or "Jill Doe Feb dinner"
- Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer [treasurer@wootton.org.au](mailto:treasurer@wootton.org.au)

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#### Wootton Community Network

President: TBA  
Secretary: Robyn Piper  
Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201  
Email: [info@wootton.org.au](mailto:info@wootton.org.au)  
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**Bookings—all facilities**  
*Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?*  
*Getting people together?*  
Andrew Holland 0416 002 532

#### Wootton Creative Alliance:

[wca@wootton.org.au](http://wca@wootton.org.au)

#### Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629  
Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177  
[www.facebook.com/woottonrfs](http://www.facebook.com/woottonrfs)

#### Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262  
(24hour prior notice)

#### Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

[joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com)  
Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

#### Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Bulahdelah Police: **4940-7470**

State Emergency Service 132 500

#### Local Land Services

Wild dogs Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007  
Rural Resilience Group  
Peter Brown 0437 671 459

National Parks & Wildlife 6591 0300

[Fawna Wildlife Rescue](#) 6581-4141

Electricity Essential Energy 13 20 80

#### Wootton Justices of the Peace (JPs)

Warren Richardson 0407 146 373  
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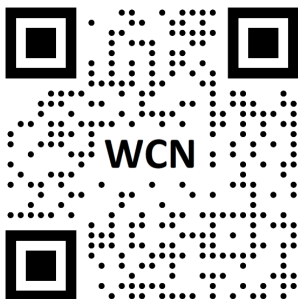
Wootton Hall. Mondays 9-10am we unwind with a gentle yin/restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries. Wednesdays from 9.15-10.45am it's an active Hatha class where we get moving. All welcome. 0414 387 008

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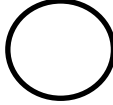
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**MOON PHASES**



**FULL MOON**  
22 Oct & 20 Nov



**NEW MOON**  
15 Oct & 13 Nov